

dependent pastorate, April 1, while the present pastor will only be continuing, and commencing his fourth year of work in the charge as minister, but for our Salisbury church alone. For the sister churches, who find themselves in this former position we can evince an honest thankfulness for all the substantial aid they have held out to us since the organization of our church, nearly two years ago. If it is not seeking too much space, I should like to say a word further in regard to a matter which has become almost a "feature" of the paper (EVANGELIST) which evidently does not receive the attention it deserves. It is the constant appeal of brother J. C. Cassel, of Philadelphia, for funds with which to carry on our missionary and other work. Salisbury has been able to do little so far it is true, but we hope to improve along that line. When will we as a church be able to fully appreciate the noble and untiring efforts of this single individual? Do many of us realize what it must cost him to again and again thrust this matter before us? Why must the brother shoulder so much?

ALLIE A. SMITH.

#### Beaver City, Neb.

Held a three weeks meeting in Beaver City, resulting in four additions by baptism. Some restored, and the cause much built up. Pray for us.

C. FORNEY.

#### Syracuse, Ind.

On the evening of Jan. 31, brother A. J. Wirick commenced a series of meetings at this place which closed on the evening of Feb. 25. The result was thirteen confessions, eleven baptized, one by relation and one to be baptized in the future, the church revived and encouraged, and others made to consider seriously their condition. We have had many discouragements and a great deal of opposition to overcome, but by the help of Him who said, "My grace is sufficient," we have been able to go on and we thank God for what he has done for us. By his help we have carried on his work here as best we could amid all opposition. We have an evergreen Sunday-school (and why are not all schools evergreen?) This is the way we made ours so: We organized in June and in a few weeks some began to get tired and wanted to close or as they said, "let it go down;" too warm for them. So they left, but we kept on. Then when the weather began to get a little cool others said we had better not try to keep the school open during the winter, but we paid no attention, just kept on all that winter and since have never heard a word about hibernating. So Mr. or Mrs. superintendent, if you want an evergreen school just keep going on and you will win. Our school was very small at first but is steadily improving and we now have the best class of young men and women of any school in town, and during our meeting we were made to rejoice when seven of them stepped out on the Lord's side and were baptized, and one had been baptized a few weeks

previous. So dear brethren and sisters never give up to discouragements, for we will never be tempted above what we are able to bear if we put our trust in Him who is able to keep us.

REBECCA GALLAGHER.

#### Brighton, Ind.

Since the first of the year my field of labor has been Brighton, Ind., and Campbell, Michigan.

Brighton. Regular church services every two weeks morning and evening. We have here an evergreen Sunday School and King's Children society. The year 1898 is my second year at this place. The work is well under way and we hope the basis is laid for a strong church in the future. There are many around us not saved. Our prayer has been that isms be removed and Christ be "all in all."

Brother Bemenderfer preached two acceptable sermons Feb. 27. We are anticipating a visit from Brother McFaden soon, to preach and lecture to us.

Pray for us here.

Campbell, Mich. I began work here Jan. 1. We have three regular services every four weeks. Here is a large field of work, and a field of promise but it needs very careful tilling.

Held meetings here from Feb. 20, to March 9th, in all 20 services. Did much house to house work, tho only one came out on the Lord's side, yet I am compelled to say the meeting was of inestimable good to the church. We anticipate many results here during the year. Pray for the little Zion here.

General. How about a session of the ministerial association of Ind.?

Will we have the annual session in June?

WM. H. MILLER.

#### "In Heavenly Places" (Eph. 2:6.)

Bunyan's Pilgrim when he caught the first glimpse of heaven, never enjoyed a more enrapturing scene than was witnessed in the little church 10 Dauphin St., in the city of brotherly love on Sunday evening, Feb. 27, on the occasion of my first baptismal service. Not that there was anything about the conduct of the service that reflected any credit upon the administrator but because of the presence of the Holy Spirit, we think witnessing his approbation upon the act of faithful obedience, there performed. To your humble brother it was especially blessed for two reasons. 1. Those obeying were near and dear to me, being a nephew and his wife. Years ago when I won his aunt as the wife of my youth, he was a bright dear little fellow, and I can see his flaxen curls floating in the wind as he ran across the fields to meet me, and to be lifted up on my shoulders, but the havoc of years, she who gave me her heart and hand sleeps these 20 odd years, in the old church yard, did I say, she. No, I meant to say her dust rests there for she put on the immortality when we said she

died, for such as she, viz., those who are the Lords, never die, John 3:15, 16:36 especially John 11:26, and he has grown into stalwart manhood. When 15 years old he came and lived with me something over two years, then went back to his home where he married a most excellent lady, two sweet little daughters are the fruits of this happy union. Some months ago he came to see me and said, "while as you Uncle I have never been a very bad young man, yet I have for a long time felt it my duty to give my heart and life in a public confession to my Saviour, but while I live here I learned of you the truth concerning the ordinances of Christ's church, and I want to be a full disciple. The churches in my part of the country are little more than religious clubs. Now, can I join your church even if I do live 30 miles away? I told him he certainly could. Well, said he, one other thing, will you baptize me? Well, my dear nephew, as yet while I have held the authority to preach for the past 10 years, I have never taken the final step that would give me the authority to do so. "Well, I have always loved you and won't you take the final step so as to be able to comply with my wish, said he. I replied, yes. So I did, and was led by him to obey the Master's call which I have in a measure resisted for many years. I said, "How about wife." Oh, we have never differed about anything else and I think when I come she will too, said he. So she did but she had been raised under other influences and was uncertain in her mind, but after a study of the Word a little while, she was entirely satisfied. Now, I was happy, because the seed I had sown bore fruit. Lets stick a pin right there. Brethren, don't stop to worry about the harvest, that is God's work. Ours to sow seed, good clean whole seed. God will do the rest.

The other great joy was, that those who seek truth earnestly God will do as he did in in Acts 8:29 31. Provide the means of knowing the truth. Brethren, lets stick another pin right here. Understand, I believe in education, and mourn the fact that I have so little, but while I have one of the latest commentaries of many volumes, yet I scarcely refer to it, for I have found that Christ's promise is true, that the Spirit will lead us into all truth, and when ever I have been in doubt upon any matter, if I went to God, claimed the Spirits promise I had full light upon the subject and have been led to accept many glorious things I never before accepted. And one other thing I learned, that I was blessed just in proportion to the faithfulness of my obedience to my conviction of duty. This was the case especially in my niece's experience. In the morning Brother B. buried a lady with Christ in baptism who was from Mass., I believe in the vicinity of Boston, who like the eunuch was taught of the truth. My niece witnessed it and she said, "Ah, I am so nervous, I dread it fearfully. I said, do as the Master did, go down praying and as to him, so to you the heavens will be opened. She did so and